

What others say...

The world is not all white

To the editor:

An issue that I have heard many Native people complain about is why are there so many White people in key positions within our Native Corporations, subsidiaries and governmental offices that have to do with Native people.

Also, what about non-Natives claiming to be one-sixteenth Eskimo or Indian? They use this claim to get financial aid in some form or another.

My question is: Are the Whites in these high positions just riding the boat to '91 or after, hoping to gain money or land? I keep hearing that these Whites in these positions were put there for the experience they have that qualifies them for these positions. I've also heard that there aren't enough Native people qualified for these positions. I say there are many Alaska Native men and women that are highly qualified to lead our people instead of non-natives.

I also want to state that I am totally against Euro-Advancement. In the last 150 years especially the American In-

dian gave their blood and died fighting for their lands and freedom. Just as the African in South Africa is doing at the present moment.

I feel that is why the White Person is against "Sovereignty" and that is why ANCSA happened. They lured the Alaska Natives with money and a certain amount of land, but when you read all the fine print of the amendment and consider that 1991 isn't very far away, they issue stock, but what good is stock in this day and age? It's not a good enough guarantee for me or my child who really isn't guaranteed anything.

I have a lot of White friends and I am not a racist, but I would not feel right living in a totally White World with the whites tearing up all the land, killing all the game and paving the world with no respect for our ancient earth that had been good use to Native people.

Sincerely,
Ron Mancil
Alaska Native
New Hampshire

Thanks to Alaska Airlines

To Jim Johnson, Alaska Airlines:

There is probably no adequate way that we can thank you enough for all that Alaska Airlines did in April in transporting the Emerald City Banjo Band from Seattle to Kotzebue and Anchorage for performances in support of vocational education in Alaska.

To say that the band was a success everywhere they went is an understatement. Both Bob Booher (director, Alaska Vocational Technical Center/Seward) and myself feel that the band performances in Kotzebue,

Seward and Anchorage were exceptional in both their talent and their conveyance of a strong message of recognition for Alaska's vocational-technical programs.

We salute you and all the people of Alaska Airlines who helped out so generously in this effort. We, once again, thank you for joining us in saying, "Vocational Education is Building Alaska's Future!"

Sincerely,
Gale K. Vick, director
Kotzebue Technical Center

We need guts to survive

To the editor:

I would like to comment on the Dividend that Gov. Cowper and Company are trying to take away from the people.

The dividend is put to good use by the people in Alaska I know. They need it. It's not an easy life to live in the frozen north. They deserve a little help now and then and is deeply appreciated I know.

I thank Gov. Hammond who chose to share with us people. I think he knows Alaska life.

Taking away the dividend will not change or solve the world problems. It's too late really to try to do anything. That won't help. There's a time when the world has to go through lean times. Not heeding the warnings years back is to blame for negligence of one in power.

I put a letter of this warning in *Tundra Times* years back, 1975. All we need now is guts to survive. Faith is the only way.

Millie Gray
Anchorage